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To amend title 39, United States Code, to require post offices to have running water and sanitation facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Post Office Moderniza-
5 tion Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. WATER AND SANITATION REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 417. Water and sanitation requirements**

2 “The Postal Service shall ensure that every post of-
3 fice has access to running water and to bathroom facilities
4 connected to either a sewer system or a septic tank.”.

5 (b) NON-CONFORMING POST OFFICES.—Not later
6 than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
7 the United States Postal Service shall begin upgrades to
8 ensure compliance with the requirements of section 417
9 of title 39, United States Code (as added by subsection
10 (a)).

11 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
12 for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended
13 by adding at the end the following:

“417. Water and sanitation requirements.”.

14 **SEC. 3. LACK OF FACILITIES NOT TO BE CONSIDERED.**

15 Section 404(d)(2)(B) of title 39, United States Code,
16 is amended to read as follows:

17 “(B) may not consider—

18 “(i) compliance with any provision of the
19 Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970
20 (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.); or

21 “(ii) whether the requirements of section
22 417 are met in connection with the post of-
23 fice.”.

